Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

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Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations						
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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill allows towns in high population counties to assume most zoning responsibilities currently done at the county level. The bill exempts shoreland zoning and floodplain zoning, so those activities would still be regulated at the county level. Towns that assume these new responsibilities would likely see both increased costs for administering the program and increased revenues from permits. The counties would likely see decreased revenue due to less permitting fees. The counties may or may not see decreased costs depending on how many towns choose to assume zoning responsibility which could impact county zoning department staffing levels.

It is impossible to accurately quantify the dollar value associated with the increases and decreases until it is known how many towns choose to assume these new zoning responsibilities.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The fiscal impacts may vary over a period of many years since the bill allows towns to state their intentions to assume zoning responsibilities beginning in 2017 or every 3 years after.